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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MARAD WA-76-0913: QUOTE:

PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO IGOR AVERIN, HEAD,
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, MINISTRY OF MERCHANT
FLEET. BEGIN TEXT: IN VIEW OF YOUR ABRUPT DEPARTURE,
THE U.S. SIDE DID NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT IN
WRITING OUR PROPOSAL FOR THE RESOLUTION OF THE OUTSTANDING
ISSUES. ACCORDINGLY, OUR PROPOSAL FOLLOWS:

1. THE AGREED UPON UNDERCARRIAGE OF GRAIN CARGOES BY
U.S. FLAG VESSELS FOR 1975-1976 IS 1,150,000 TONS. THIS
QUANTITY OF CARGO REPRESENTS THE DEFICIENCY IN ACTUAL
U.S. FLAG CARRIAGE UNDER THE APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS OF
THE MARITIME AGREEMENT AND ANNEX III THEREOF, WHICH
PROVIDE THAT U.S. FLAG VESSELS MUST BE ASSURED ONE-THIRD
CARRIAGE OF THE GRAIN CARGO AND THAT THE BASIS FOR
DETERMINING THE U.S. SHARE SHALL BE ACTUAL CARRIAGE
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DURING EACH CALENDAR YEAR. THE 1,150,000 TONS OF GRAIN

WILL BE PROVIDED U.S. FLAG VESSELS RATABLY DURING
CALENDAR YEAR 1977.

2. THE NEW FREIGHT RATE AGREEMENT WILL APPLY TO
FIXTURES MADE FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1977.

3. THE FREIGHT RATE APPLICABLE TO FIXTURES MADE DURING
THIS PERIOD FOR GRAIN CARGOES WILL BE DOLLARS 16.47
PER TON. THIS RATE INCLUDES A 47 CENTS PER TON ADJUSTMENT.
HAD THE UNDERCARRIAGE CARGO MOVED DURING 1975-1976,
ADDITIONAL FREIGHT REVENUE WOULD HAVE BEEN EARNED AMOUNT-
ING TO DOLLARS 1,527,000. DISTRIBUTING THIS REVENUE
AMOUNT OVER THE U.S. SHARE OF GRAIN CARGOES PROJECTED
TO BE CARRIED IN 1977 (2,133,000 TONS PLUS 1,150,000
TONS) RESULTS IN AN ADJUSTMENT OF 47 CENTS PER TON. IF
MORE THAN 3,283,000 TONS OF CARGO IS CARRIED IN U.S.
FLAG SHIPS IN CALENDAR 1977, THE APPLICABLE FREIGHT RATE
FOR SUCH EXCESS CARRIAGE SHALL BE U.S. DOLLARS 16.

4. IN 1975, U.S. FLAG VESSELS WERE NOT OFFERED AND DID
NOT CARRY 278,000 TONS OF OTHER BULK CARGOES WHICH IS
THE TONNAGE EQUIVALENT TO THAT ACTUALLY CARRIED BY
SOVIET FLAG VESSELS. SIMILARLY, IN 1976 U.S. FLAG
VESSELS WERE NOT OFFERED OTHER BULK CARGOES EQUIVALENT
TO THE CARGO ACTUALLY CARRIED BY SOVIET FLAG VESSELS,
THE AMOUNT OF WHICH IS YET TO BE DETERMINED AND VERIFIED.

IN 1977, THE SOVIET SIDE WILL OFFER TO U.S. FLAG VESSELS
278,000 TONS OF OTHER BULK CARGOES PLUS THE EQUIVALENT
AMOUNT APPLICABLE TO 1976. THESE OFFERINGS WILL BE
MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN
PARAGRAPH 3(B) OF ANNEX III AND PARAGRAPH II OF THE
BULK MEMORANDUM DATED DECEMBER 29, 1975. SUCH CARGO
OFFERINGS WILL BE IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER BULK
CARGOES WHICH WOULD NORMALLY BE REQUIRED TO BE OFFERED
TO U.S. FLAG VESSELS PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 3(B) OF
ANNEX III.

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